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“Communicating Complex Biological Stories in National Parks”
Tues. March 30 and Wed. March 31, 2004 ~ Atlanta, GA (Marriott Marquis Hotel)
8:00am – 5:00pm

This 2-day hands-on workshop will focus on successfully communicating and designing educational programs for National Park Service (NPS) biological resources. This opportunity has been structured to intentionally precede the 2004 National Science Teacher’s Association conference in Atlanta, GA at the Georgia World Congress Center, April 1-4. Visit: www.nsta.org

Co-Sponsors: The NPS Natural Resource Information Division and the Biological Resource Management Division (BRMD)

Participants: NPS interpreters, resource management specialists, biologists, ecologists, public information officers, and others interested in improving or developing communication and education-related skills regarding biological diversity in national parks. (Limited space may be available for non-NPS participants).

Goals:

1. Provide natural resource training for park interpreters that will supplement their current skills.
2. Understand the “why” and “so what” of the scientific process as a foundation for reaching educators.
3. Provide tips and techniques for enhancing public stewardship from interpretation to management.
4. Participants will complete a product and contribute to a publication on techniques for bringing the biological sciences to both the general public and educators.



Instructors: Experienced park interpreters, biology-based educators, research scientists, & academic scholars.

Cost: Costs for the training and NSTA registration will be covered. NPS participants will receive up to \$750. for travel and accommodations. Visit www.nsta.org for more details about the convention.

TO APPLY: Fill out the one-page form attached and, as indicated, be sure to include a description of sample interpretive or educational products you are currently working on, what controversial issues might you be dealing with, and how we can help you enhance your work. Deadline: **February 16, 2004.**

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If accepted into this workshop, you will be given a “homework” assignment in advance of as a partial feature relating to the experiential components for this event.

Above and beyond the excellent professional development, this workshop will provide guidance for integrating interpretive requirements into centralized funding proposals (e.g., NRPP) and will overlap with portions of the *Interpretive Competency Module 340*.

FOR INFORMATION OR TO APPLY: **Nina Roberts, Education Specialist, Ph. (970) 267-2115; Fax (970) 225-3585**
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**COMMUNICATING COMPLEX BIOLOGICAL STORIES IN NATIONAL PARKS
APPLICATION**

March 30-31, 2004, Atlanta, GA

Name: _____ Park/Office: _____

Title: _____ Grade/Series: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Alternate Email: _____

If NON-NPS, please provide the following:

Name of Organization: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please attach the following brief statements to this form:

- _____ 1. Description of sample interpretive or education projects you are working on.
_____ 2. What controversial issues might you/your site be dealing with?
_____ 3. How can this workshop help you enhance your work?

Employee's signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor's endorsement (please provide a brief narrative of why this individual should attend):

Supervisor's signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH STATEMENTS TO:

Nina Roberts, Education & Outreach Specialist, NPS/NRID

Fax: 970-225-3585 or send in MS Word document via email: Nina_Roberts@nps.gov

NOTE: *You will receive a confirmation of acceptance, with all details for this event, upon receipt of your application.*